



Memorandum

TO: NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES
AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

FROM: Norberto Dueñas

SUBJECT: SCHOOLS/CITY COLLABORATIVE
UPDATE

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The following key activities are highlighted in this report:

School Traffic Safety Services – Safe Routes to School programs have been identified as a top partnership priority for the Schools/City Collaborative (S/CC). The Safe Routes to School programs use a variety of education, engineering and enforcement strategies that help make routes safer for children to walk and bicycle to school. The City's Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Police Department's Traffic Enforcement Unit have partnered to focus on strategies for safety improvements at local schools. DOT has examined data concerning traffic conditions and student travel patterns to provide comprehensive short and long term pedestrian safety improvement measures within school zones. Through the S/CC, school and city officials continue to explore model programs that can be replicated or expanded in this area.

A flyer highlighting these services along with contact information for frequently requested services was distributed by the school superintendents to their school principals. An updated copy of this flyer is attached. For more information, please contact Laura Wells at (408) 975-3725.

Teacher Homebuyer Program (THP) Update – Since the inception of the Teacher Homebuyer Program (THP) in 1999 with the goal of attracting and retaining qualified teachers to educate San Jose youth, over 730 teachers have purchased homes in San Jose. A total of 12 teachers became homeowners in San Jose in 2010. Available to full-time credentialed teachers and staff in grades K-12 working in San Jose public schools, the THP is a deferred repayment loan program designed to help low- and moderate-income San Jose teachers to buy a home in San Jose. For more information, please go to <http://www.sjhousing.org/program/homebuyer.html> or contact Dave Bopf at (408) 535-3854.

US Composting Council's National Conference – On January 25, the US Composting Council and the California Resource Recovery Association invited educators to the nation's largest composting conference and exhibition at the Santa Clara Convention Center. The Environmental Services Department (ESD) was a key sponsor and organizer of the conference activities. The annual conference for the U.S. Composting Council is the most widely attended composting and organics recycling show in North America with more than 100 comprehensive presentations on

composting and compost benefits. For more information about these activities, please contact Reena Brilliot at (408) 975-2523. Through the S/CC, ESD shares with our schools opportunities to tap into information and forums that promote the environmental sustainability of our community.

Work2Future Rapid Response and Outplacement Services for School Districts – The Work2Future Business Services Unit staff has been working with the S/CC to identify existing resources that can support teachers and staff in case of potential workforce reductions. Work2Future provides rapid response services to public and private employers engaged in potential workforce reduction strategies.

At the February 9th meeting of the S/CC meeting, Wednesday, February 9, 2011, the Work2Future staff will share with the superintendents the various services provided including:

- On-site presentations to explain One-Stop services.
- Establishment of an on-site career transition center.
- Coordination of One-Stop services with outplacement firms.
- Coaching and support to workers as they take steps toward new employment.

For more information, contact Work2Future Business Services Manager BJ Sims at (408) 794-1192.

Youth Education and Improvement Grants Update – Administered by the City's ESD Department, the Go Green Schools program distributed a total of \$80,000 in the form of mini-grants to 26 schools to promote environmental awareness about the watershed and waste reduction. The Youth Educational Improvement grants range between \$500-\$5000 dollars and are used to support school gardens, fieldtrips, environmental clubs, and teacher training. For more information, please contact Reena Brilliot at (408) 975-2523.

SJ2020 – Closing the Achievement Gap Update – Four major focus areas have emerged in SJ2020 since its inception in late 2009: early learning; home and community; school and classroom improvements; and college and career success. In November 2010, the Santa Clara County Office of Education launched the Early Learning Master Plan at a special event held at Adobe in downtown San José. The master plan outlines a vision and a strategic mission to establish an early learning plan over the next seven years. A collaboration of education professionals, community members, civic leaders, and child development advocates worked for a year to develop the plan. The S/CC continues to serve as a working group for SJ2020 to evaluate strategies to support the SJ2020 initiative goals. For more information, contact Jeff Janssen (Mayor's Office) at (408) 535-4814.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Schools/City Collaborative (S/CC) 2011 Meeting Schedule – Wednesday, February 9 and June 15 – 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. at the Campbell Union High School District Office, 3235 Union Avenue San Jose, CA 95124.

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Santa Clara Valley Green Gardener Training –The Go Green Schools program works with the school districts to promote the Santa Clara Valley Green Gardener training. The trainings will take place every Tuesday beginning March 1st until May 8th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Participants must register by February 14th. There is a \$40 registration fee. The location of the training is at the Guadalupe River Park – Conservancy Visitor Center, 438 Coleman Avenue, San Jose, CA 95110. For more information on the training activities, please contact Sanhita Ghosal at (408) 793-4377.

Bay Area Schools Environmental Conference – Saturday, April 30 - 8am-5pm at the Mexican Heritage Plaza, 1700 Alum Rock Avenue San Jose, CA 95116. The conference serves as an educational forum and networking opportunity for teachers, parents and school administrators from throughout the bay area. For more information, contact Reena Brilliot at (408) 975-2523.



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CSJ SCHOOL TRAFFIC SAFETY SERVICES



School/Neighborhood Traffic Safety Frequently Requested Services

Enforcement

- ▶ Speeding and other moving violations
SJPD Traffic Enforcement Unit
www.sjpd.org/TEU/
408-277-4341
- ▶ Parking Enforcement
DOT Parking Compliance Unit
e-mail: parking.compliance@sanjoseca.gov
408-534-2900
- ▶ Abandoned Vehicles
DOT Parking Compliance Unit
www.sanjoseca.gov/transportation/vehicle_abatement.htm
408-277-5305

Education

- ▶ Walking & Biking Safety Presentations
DOT *Street Smarts School Safety Education* Program
www.getstreetsmarts.org
408-975-3296

Engineering

- ▶ Traffic Safety &
Crossing Guard Requests
DOT Neighborhood Traffic Program
e-mail: traffic.safety@sanjoseca.gov
408-535-3850
- ▶ Signal Timing
DOT Signal Operations
e-mail: traffic.signals@sanjoseca.gov
408-975-3700

Maintenance

- ▶ Faded Signs & Markings,
Street Sweeping, Streetlight Repair,
Damaged Sidewalk, Potholes,
Malfunctioning Signal
DOT Infrastructure Maintenance
e-mail: streets.dispatch@sanjoseca.gov
408-277-4373